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SUBJ: US AND FRENCH FIRMS WIN PETROLEUM SURVEY CONTRACTS
FOR ABU DHABI.

1. ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (ADNOC) HAS SELECTED FRANLAB (FRANCE) AND MCCORD ASSOCIATES (DALLAS TEXAS) TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES TO ASSESS SIZE AND QUALITY OF ABU DHABI'S TOTAL OIL BASIN. EACH COMPANY WILL DO PARALLEL, INDEPENDENT STUDY WHICH WILL RECOMMEND TO ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT MOST EFFICIENT OIL PRODUCTION POLICY (FROM TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW).

2. THESE STUDIES ARE TO DETERMINE:

- A. THE EXTENT OF ABU DHABI'S OIL RESERVOIRS.
- B. THE LOCATION AND TIMING OF DRILLING.
- C. THE RATE AT WHICH OIL FIELDS SHOULD BE EXPLOITED.

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3. ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THIS STUDY OF EXTREME

IMPORTANCE, SINCE CONSULTANT FIRMS WILL BE ACTING AS GUARDIAN OF STATE'S PRECIOUS OIL RESOURCES. FOR THIS REASON ADNOC HAS TAKEN THE UNUSUAL STEP OF AWARDING STUDY CONTRACT TO TWO CONSULTANTS IN ORDER TO TRY TO ENSURE MOST ACCURATE RESULTS. IN ADDITION TO THESE TWO STUDIES, ADNOC WILL ALSO HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ITS OAG ENGINEERS AND FROM ADMA AND ADPC, THE OPERATING COMPANIES.

4. TWO STUDIES HAVE COMBINED COST OF ABOUT NINE MILLION DOLLARS. FRANLAB WAS HIGH BIDDER AGAINST FIVE U.S. COMPANIES, BUT CONSIDERING EXTREMELY SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED AND VAST AMOUNTS OF MONEY AT STAKE IN ABU DHABI'S PETROLEUM RESOURCES, ADNOC WAS NOT INCLINED TO ECONOMIZE IN AWARDING CONTRACT. IT FELT THAT EXTRA MONEY SPENT FOR THESE STUDIES WAS MOST PRUDENT INVESTMENT. STERNER

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